months of November and December, 1990; and

(d) how many representations were received from candidates for not being informed timely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir

(b) As per procedure when the selections are scheduled for specific Board level posts, candidates short-listed for interview are given sufficient time to appear before the Board Normally, intimations are sent 10-20 days prior to the date of the interview.

(c) The names of companies for which interviews were held by the PESB in the month of November and December, 1990 are given in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(d) There were a few cases wherein the candidates had represented that they could not be informed timely. In this context, it may, however, be added that it is the endeavour of the PESB to send the communications well-in-time. Some times, the candidates get their communication late due to various factors like postal failure, candidates not being in station and other hazards in the communication system. Wherever possible and where selections have not been finalised, such candidates are given another opportunity to meet the Board.

Statement

Names of Public Sector Undertakings for which interviews were held during the months of November and December, 1990

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Forest & Plantation Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
2. Cotton Corporation of India Limited.
3. Mineral Exploration Corporation of India Ltd.
4. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited.
5. NTC Subsidiaries.
6. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation of India Ltd
7. Braithwaite & Co. Limited.
8. Hindustan Cables Limited.
9. Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Limited.
10. Coal India Limited.
11. Mazagon Dock Limited.
12. Bongaigoan Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.
13. Educational Consultancy India Limited.
14. North Eastern Electric Power Corpn. Limited.
15. Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited.
16. National Jute Manufacturing Corporation Limited.
17. N.T.C.
18. Electronics Trade and Technology Devel Corpn. Ltd.
19. Bharat Aluminium Co Limited
20. National Mineral Development Corpn. Limited.
21. National Building Construction Corpn. Limited.
22. Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Limited.
23. Shipping Corporation of India Limited.

Inadequate pre-recruitment training for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Public Sector Undertakings

1381. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether pre-recruitment and pre-promotion training given to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various Public Sector Undertakings are adequate;

(b) if not, the corrective measures being taken in this regard,

(c) what is the duration of such training; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to extend the period of training to provide proper and meaningful training both at pre-recruitment and pre-promotion stages by these public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Public Sector Undertakings have been advised from time to time to evolve training schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A Scheme for providing stenographic training to fresh SC/ST graduates having aptitude and flair for stenography, a training/scholarship scheme for filling the posts of Jr. Accountant/ Assistant and stenographers in public enterprises, a special coaching schemes to prepare SC/ST applicants for various competitive examinations/selection and Special Recruitment Tests for SCs/STs are such schemes recommended to public sector undertakings. This apart, institutional training of Group 'A' officers belonging to SC/ST and providing them more opportunities for attending seminars, symposia, conferences etc. in order to improve their chances for selection to higher categories has also been suggested. These are guidelines which the public sector undertakings have to adopt depending upon the size of recruitment, infrastructural facilities available with them for providing such training and their resources. The duration and details of such training are to be decided by the respective public sector undertakings depending upon their needs

Enquiry into the causes of accident in Mahavir Colliery, Raniganj

1382. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Court of Inquiry set up to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the fatal accident which took place at Mahavir Colliery, ECL, Raniganj in 1989 and to suggest preventive measures, have completed its assignment; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Court of Inquiry has not been able to proceed with the inquiry due to an interim order of injuction passed by the Calcutta High Court.

Inclusion of rural backward classes in the quota of 27 per cent reservation

1383. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any demands for including other rural backward classes besides those under the Mandal Commission Report in the quota of 27 per cent reservation of Central Government's job; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's decision taken on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Requests for inclusion of certain communities, both rural and urban, amongst SEBCs so as to make them eligible for the benefit of job reservation ordered by the Government on 13.8.90 have been received. The Government order, has been challenged through various Writ Petitions which are being heard together by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court. The Court has, *inter alia* directed that, pending the hearing of the case, the order dated the 13.8.90 should not be implemented excepting that the identification of the backward castes to be benefited could continue. It has also been directed that the scope of the order would not be extended without a leave of the Court.

Government is awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court.

Request for UN intervention by terrorists in J&K

1384. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists, including women and girl terrorists, operating in Jammu and Kashmir are seeking the help and interven-